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REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Notify Examiner of Preliminary Amendment

As an initial matter, Applicants would like to notify the Examiner of a preliminary amendment filed with the filing of the present patent application on January 23, 2004. The claims referred to in the Office Action mailed 4/30/07 do not appear to take the preliminary amendment into account. The claims presented herein are consistent with the previously filed preliminary amendment.

35 U.S.C. §121 Election/Restrictions

The Patent Office has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 27-28 drawn to compressing color or texture for generating compressed information, classified in class 382, subclass 166.
- II. Claims 15-26 and 29-30 drawn to compressing compressed information, classified in class 382, subclass 233.

In response to the restriction, the Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I in this application. Currently claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10-14, and 31-32 are believed to read on Group I. Applicant makes this election without prejudice to the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more other patent applications.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the cited art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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